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SUBJECT: SIERRA LEONE STILL UNDECIDED ON UNSC VOTE, BUT  
VENEZUELA COMING TO MAKE AN APPEAL

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Classified By: Ambassador Thomas N. Hull, reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

[1](#)1. (C) On August 24, PolOff met with Director General of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Umaru Wurie. Wurie said that he is expecting a Venezuelan envoy to arrive on September 3 to discuss his country's candidacy for the UN Security Council. Wurie said Sierra Leone's permanent representative to the UN is already leaning towards Venezuela but there is no final decision yet, as Wurie himself prefers Guatemala over Venezuela.

[1](#)2. (C) Comment: Wurie was in Guatemala during Hurricane Mitch and harbors a soft spot for the country - he told us about his preference for the Guatemalans the first time we brought up the issue previously. At this point, however, it is not clear who makes the final decision or if Wurie's sentiments will shift after a visit from the Venezuelans. End Comment.  
HULL